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December 8, 2010

Re: Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption – in East Carroll Parish, LA
STB Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 2 X)
Notice of Intent to Make Offer of Financial Assistance

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please be advised that Lake Providence Port Commission ("Offeror") has a potential interest in providing financial assistance in the form of the purchase of the interest of Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. ("DSR") in the line described in the above-referenced proceeding. The line would be operated by Offeror or a contract operator. This letter shall serve as the formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.27(c)(2).

By letter dated December 7, 2010, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, Offeror requested that DSR, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.27(a), provide it with necessary information to enable it to determine whether to make an offer of financial assistance, and, if so, what that offer should be.

The filing of this notice will, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.27(c)(2), automatically stay the effective date of the decision granting the exemption for 40 days (i.e., until January 7, 2011). Please notify the undersigned if this is incorrect.

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A copy of this letter is being forwarded to DSR's representative in this proceeding to provide DSR with formal notice of Offeror's intent to file an offer of financial assistance.

Sincerely,



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December 7, 2010

Re: Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption – in East Carroll Parish, LA
STB Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 2 X)

Dear Tom:

Please be advised that Lake Providence Port Commission (“Offeror”) is considering making an offer of financial assistance to acquire the line described in the above-referenced proceeding.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.27(a), Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (“DSR”) is requested promptly to provide the undersigned with the following information:

1. Minimum purchase price.
2. DSR’s most recent reports on the physical condition of the involved line.
3. A description of any rail, crossings or crossing structures that have been removed, and any estimates of the cost of rebuilding or re-installing such rail or structure(s).
4. Traffic, revenue and other data, including DSR’s estimate of the net liquidation value of its interest in the line and supporting data reflecting available real estate appraisals, assessments as to the quality and quantity of track materials in the line, and removal cost estimates (including the cost of transporting removed materials to point of sale or point of storage for relay use). Such data should also include a description of the nature of the title to the real estate involved, including disclosure of all revisionary interests.
5. Copies of any and all environmental audits of the real estate involved, and a description of (a) all sites under investigation by, or being remediated under the supervision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, (b) all known potential environmental liabilities arising out of conditions on the property, (c) all releases of hazardous materials on or about the property, and (d) a history of all customers and industrial users along the line.

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6. Offeror and its advisors may wish to inspect the line and property. Please let us know who we should contact to make arrangements for access to the property.

Your prompt attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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